



Newsletter 5 – Autumn 2008

What have we been doing?

Our Tanzanian Trustee Joas came to London for a 6 day planning meeting where we discussed progress to date and the impact we were having on the lives of the Waangwaray Community; and how we can best move forward.

We are delighted to have completed the LTT charity registration process in Tanzania. It was an interesting process and a learning curve for all of us. We have also registered with Charities Aid Foundation USA, so that we can follow one of our business objectives to attract the American market. Both of these were dependent on our submission of our long term vision and our 1st year's accounts.

We were personally invited by **Her Excellency the High Commissioner of the Tanzania** to a talk on "Poverty and Education in Tanzania" and we were publicly and formally thanked for the work we are doing. Our school in Waangwaray has been visited by a Regional Commission who is full of praise for our work.



Her Excellency the High Commissioner of Tanzania



The American Trip

Our Californian partners Don and Marianne did a fantastic job at the Ufani School. The team worked tirelessly hand in hand with the local community and together they rebuilt all 4 classrooms and expanded the teachers' office. They have turned a dilapidated school into a place of pride. Don and Marianne had spent the whole year fund raising through their US school and even managed to fund the complete renovation of the shameful teachers' houses. Don and Marianne are coming back with another team in 2009.



Don and Marianne are planning to follow LTT's Development model to invest in teacher training and teaching resources, and will be looking at sustainable pro-poor local income generating schemes that can fund on going maintenance costs. The very fact that our original model is being replicated is a great tribute to all at LTT, and shows the respect other people are demonstrating for our innovative and creative approach to the work we are doing. Needless to say we are chuffed to bits!

Philip

In the spring we told you about Philip, a 10 year old boy who suffers from extreme deafness; about how he was petrified when we first met him and how we secured him a place at a special boarding school 250km away in Moshi; about how his mother who earns less than 50p a day could not afford the fees. So far I have failed to raise the ongoing costs to cover his future at this school and could really do with some help. It used to cost us £12 but the cost has doubled due to inflation and a worsening of the exchange rate, and it is now £25 a month to pay for Phillip to go to school, to pay his and his teachers travel costs (6 hours away from home), and his uniform. Can you help pay part of this cost?

Thank you to Frances Woram for her help in the design process for the new teachers' houses. The new designs will make great financial savings due to their efficient use of resources. We are just waiting for approval from the Town Education Officer before costing the houses.

Well done to Trustee Clive Shiret for completing the New York Marathon in just 4.01.02 hrs and raising so much money for both LTT and the Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Thank you to Simon Ford and Jeff Hughes of Media Brand for the hugely kind donation of over 100 computers with mice and keyboards and new hard drives. We are now searching for flat screens and funds to transfer them to Babati. Can you help?

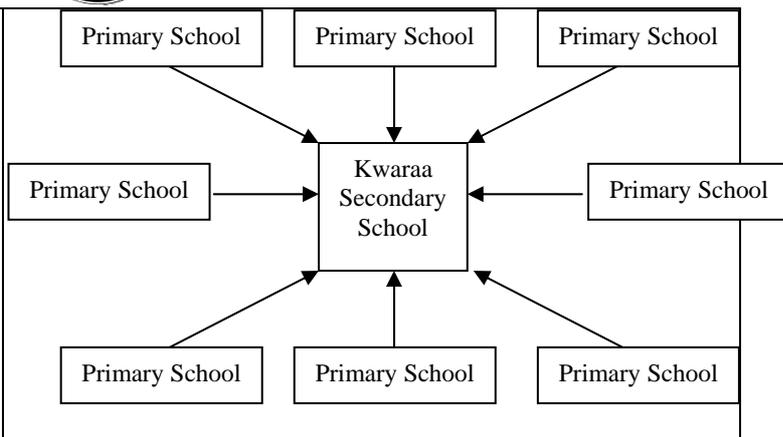
Autograph collection and auction

Please help us gather autographs and memorabilia for a charity auction to help us raise funds for the water project for the Waangwaray School Farm. The Water project will help us improve the farm output and speed up the sustainability of this project. It is a vital part of the model and we are eager to progress with it as soon as we can gather the funds.



The Long-term Vision

Education is not something that can be looked at in isolation. Focusing on just primary education is to deny the importance of early learning and secondary education. LTT always wanted to expand away from just one school and so we have decided focus our expansion in the one area and create a "web of excellence". From Kindergarten through primary school and on to secondary school at Kwaraa. Our training, resources and community education will be focused on improving all of these schools and their communities. We seek philanthropic partners to make this dream a reality.



Teacher Training

The teacher training programme has been a great success and many teachers have asked to be able to join. In January we will be starting a third stream, aimed at the 8 primary schools in our target area. The classes will be at the highest level and aimed at those teachers who teach English at year 6&7, so that these teachers can really help bring up the standards of the year 6&7 students and give them more exposure and confidence. The teachers have asked if we can help them with easy going fiction books to improve their English and some easy reading picture books for the younger students to enjoy. We are delighted to know that the efforts we are putting in are being matched at the teacher level.

November/December 08 and January/February 09

An LTT article in Precision Air's in-flight magazine generated some interest from Karen and John of Sabre Technical Services in New York who contacted us eager to replicate the development project we are doing at Waangwaray at another of our target schools. Clive gave a presentation that their local school just after his marathon, which created quite a buzz and was televised on NBC. Karen & John, two water engineers and three teachers from the Woodland Hill Montessori School are flying out to meet Julian in November to firm up the arrangements for their future involvement. This is a great end to the year and resounding endorsement to the model we are creating, so we are naturally delighted. Julian has been invited to speak at the **International Traveller Philanthropy Conference** in Arusha, Tanzania in early December. His talk "Looking and learning" will be based on our development model and how travellers and philanthropists can help make a real difference to the places they visit, combined with the importance of developing pro-poor local income generation schemes as a fundamental part of building sustainability. In the New Year Julian will be overseeing the next group of **QUEST volunteers** who will be building two more classrooms at Waangwaray. This will free up two small classrooms which, subject to funding, will be used for a computer language lab and a craft class.

Christmas Cards

Our Christmas cards are designed by the students in the Waangwaray School and the funds raised by their sale goes directly to that school and helps fund the teacher training programmes that we run.

Christmas Gift Cards

Buy your loved ones a goat or a school desk for a school in Tanzania this Christmas. Please contact Julian on 07963537037.

Please buy as many as you can and help spread the word whilst helping these students learn skills that can help them escape poverty.

Sponsored Walk with a Difference

We have teamed up with Charity Challenge who organise fantastic sponsored activities around the world. Walking the Great Wall, trekking in Transylvania or climbing Mt Etna.

Gift with a Difference

FLIGHT IN BIPLANE

This is a very special gift. **45 minutes flight** over the garden of England (Canterbury Cathedral, Leeds Castle and Dover Castle and along the coast) in a biplane. We are offering this at a fantastic price of £140.



We want to thank the team at Read International, who arranged for 450 text books to be collected by us. They have gone straight to the Kwaraa Secondary School, all there are extremely grateful.

THANK YOU